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1. Association marocaine des droits humains

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Association Marocaine des Droits Humains (AMDH, Moroccan Association of Human Rights) is a public-interest non-governmental organization, established in 1979 and based in Rabat. It has almost 14,000 members throughout Morocco and in Europe. Its work focuses primarily on women, youth, workers and democratic intellectuals.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AMDH works to preserve human dignity and ensure the respect, protection and promotion of all human rights in all their dimensions. Its aims are, in particular, to ensure that Morocco ratifies all international covenants on such rights and integrates them into national legislation; to identify, denounce and condemn all violations of such rights and work towards their cessation; and to show solidarity with and support the victims of such violations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AMDH organized several regional seminars and training courses, some in partnership with the Ministry of Justice and Liberties. With the help of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), the organization launched the "Masar" project on 25 March 2013 to strengthen its ability to identify and denounce violations, and to encourage the State to honour its human rights commitments towards workers. AMDH also prepared annual reports on the situation of economic, social and cultural rights in Morocco, which were transmitted to the authorities, the media, embassies and representatives of international organizations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization regularly attends meetings of the United Nations human rights treaty bodies.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization regularly submits shadow reports to the United Nations treaty bodies when the official reports of the Moroccan State are considered. It presented three shadow reports during the period 2011-2014:

- A shadow report relating to the report submitted by Morocco as part of the second cycle of the universal periodic review, 2012;
- A shadow report relating to the initial report of Morocco on the implementation of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, 2013;

– A contribution to the examination of the initial report of Morocco on the implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict, 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization celebrates the international days relating to rights in the areas of habitat, health, forests and the struggle against illiteracy, poverty and HIV/AIDS. It participated in the discussion regarding the 2012 national report of Morocco on the Millennium Development Goals. In partnership with the Association de Lutte Contre le Sida (ALCS, Association for Combating AIDS), it organized training workshops on human rights and HIV advocacy in Morocco.

2. International Network for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises

Special, 2007

Introduction

The International Network for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (INSME) was established in 2004. It welcomes intermediaries from the private and public sector worldwide. It is supported by 100 members from 42 different countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

INSME acts as a knowledge-based network and aims to stimulate public-private partnerships; foster transnational cooperation; and encourage the exchange of good practices in the field of innovation and technology transfer on a global scale.

Significant changes in the organization

INSME became a self-sustainable organization, after having been financed by the Institute for the Industrial Promotion until 2011.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

INSME promotes United Nations initiatives, publications and events among the INSME community through its monthly newsletter, INSME Alerts and social media channels.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

– International Conference "Promoting Eco-innovation: policies and opportunities" organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Tel Aviv, Israel, 11-13 July 2011;

– II World Forum on Local Economic Development organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in collaboration with the Brazilian service of assistance to micro and small enterprises (SEBRAE), Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, 1 November 2013; and

– Presentation of the World Investment Report 2014 released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Rome, Italy, 24 June 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Several United Nations bodies — UNCTAD, UNDP Mexico and UNECE, among others, are members of the association. INSME cooperated with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and UNCTAD and the World Technopolis Association in organizing an International Training on "Managing the innovation economy: challenges and opportunities for SMEs", Daejeon, South Korea, 25 May 2012. It also organized an International Training with UNCTAD and the Izmir Development Agency (IZKA) on "Key-resources for profitable growth: how to strategically access and co-develop economic assets for the benefit of SMEs", Izmir, Turkey, 21-24 May 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

INSME's 10th Annual Meeting co-organized by Khalifa Fund for Enterprise Development gathered leading experts and thought leaders to discuss and share ideas on "Investing in Innovation: Building a Sustainable Knowledge-based Economy", Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 18-20 March 2014. Further initiatives and activities related to sustainable development have been carried out covering relevant topics such as frugal innovation, sustainability, and innovation.

3. International Union of Economists

General, 1999

Introduction

The International Union of Economists (IUE) is a NGO based in Moscow, Russian Federation.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to promote economic reforms as a foundation for world community development; implement projects to accelerate economic growth and stabilise the economic situation in different countries; ensure a broad international exchange of information in economy, science, technology and other fields of activity; and render practical assistance in the development of small and medium businesses.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The IUE conducts significant work to enhance economic and social progress of the world community. It organizes various events such as the annual Meetings of its members, international congresses on regional development and round tables,

among others. The recommendations from these events are sent to the Government and United Nations bodies. Below are listed some of the events held by the IUE during the reporting period: "The concept of long-term socio-economic development of Russia", November 2011, Moscow, Russia; "'New economic growth models", May 2012, Malaysia; "The world labor market: Employment Challenges", May 2013, Hong Kong, Special Administrative Region of China; and "Social dimensions of the new global economy", January 2014, Australia.

The IUE also supports talented youth by holding annually the contest "Economic Growth of Russia" to select the best scientific works of youth.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The IUE was involved in many meetings of United Nations entities during the reporting period, including the following:

- "Better city — better life", organized jointly with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), Moscow, Russia, 4 October 2011;
- 66th, 67th, 68th and 69th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York;
- "Women, Sanitation and Water: Access, Equity, Sustainability", New York, 15 March 2012;
- "The implementation of the Millennium Development Goals", United Nations Information Centre, 22 August 2013, Moscow, Russia;
- "The Impact of Transportation on Women's Lives" Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Relations Section, New York, 13 March 2014; and
- "Families Matter for the Achievement of Development Goals. International Year of the Family", DPI/NGO Relations Section, New York, 15 May 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The IUE works with the United Nations through DPI and the Economic and Social Council. Many of the organization's events are held under the patronage of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), UN-Habitat and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The IUE annually sends recommendations to the Economic and Social Council, based on scientific and organizational activities and research programmes.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The IUE mobilizes public support for the MDGs and works in partnership with the Government and the United Nations to ensure their realization. Some of the organization's initiatives and programmes implemented by the IUE related to the MDGs are: Sustainable Economic Development; The problems of climate change; Green Economy: Problems and Prospects; and The Employment Challenges in the world.

4. Minaret of Freedom Institute

Special, 2003

Introduction

The Minaret of Freedom Institute is a policy research institute classified as a tax-exempt entity under § 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. It relies upon voluntary contributions from private corporations, foundations, and individuals to continue its work.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Institute has a dual mission for educating both Muslims and non-Muslims. For non-Muslims its mission is: to counter distortions and misconceptions about Islamic beliefs and practice; demonstrate the Islamic origins of modern values; advance the status of Muslim peoples maligned by a hostile environment in the West and oppressed by repressive political regimes in the East. For Muslims, in fulfilment of the obligations laid upon them by the Qur'an and the Sunnah, its mission is: to discover and publish the politico-economic policy implications of Islamic law (shari`ah) and their consequences on the economic well-being of the community; expose both American and Islamic-world Muslims to free market thought; and educate Islamic religious and community leaders in economics.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization publishes independent scholarly research (ijtihâd) on policy issues of concern to Muslim countries and/or to Muslims in America and translates appropriate works on the free market into the languages of the Muslim world. It also operates a scholars' exchange programme both to allow institute associates to make presentations to academics and policy makers in Muslim countries and to permit libertarian Muslims from abroad to spend time in contact with market-oriented Muslim scholars in America and to have access to resources not available in their home countries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Institute co-sponsored the Istanbul Liberty Network conference in Islamabad, Pakistan, in March 2013, to promote economic and social reforms that would advance the MDGs related to the eradication of poverty, gender equity, and universal education in Muslim majority societies.

5. National Alliance of Women's Organizations

Special, 1999

Introduction

The National Alliance of Women's Organisations (NAWO) is an alliance of over 100 organizations and individuals concerned with gender equality.

Aims and purposes of the organization

NAWO seeks to promote gender equality and social justice for women by building alliances to advocate for positive chan e.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since 1999, NAWO has attended and played an active role in all of the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York, notably, by submitting written statements for all but one of the CSW sessions in 2011-2014, organizing side events and sponsoring and supporting various events during each session of the Commission. NAWO has developed and leads the United Kingdom NGO CSW Alliance, bringing women and NGOs together, to develop concerted policy on the issues of the CSW and to engage with and influence the British government.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

NAWO participated in the preparatory NGO Forum in Geneva, Switzerland, in November 2014, as part of the Beijing+20 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Regional Review. NAWO also attended the Inter-governmental Beijing+20 UNECE Review Meeting. It coordinated and drafted the United Kingdom NGO Report on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

NAWO was an active contributor to the United Kingdom NGO Shadow report to the Government's seventh periodic report for the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in 2013. It prepared concluding observations from the CEDAW Committee for the British statutory human rights mechanism, the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC). NAWO also works together with the United Nations Association, especially its women's section, to bring understanding of the United Nations' work to women in the United Kingdom to use in their own lobbying and advocacy.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

All of NAWO's activities towards the empowerment of women are in line with the MDGs. At CSW 58, NAWO co-sponsored a number of events that reviewed the

MDGs and discussed the post-MDG framework. Throughout 2014. NAWO was a member of the Women's Major Group and worked to influence the Government to support a transformative agenda in the follow-up to the MDGs in the post-2015 framework.

6. World Safety Organization

Special, 1987

Introduction

The World Safety Organization (WSO) was founded in 1975 and is headquartered in the United States of America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WSO works to internationalise occupational and environmental safety and health, and other allied safety fields; prevent accidents; and disseminate the benefits of practices, skills, art and technologies of safety and accident prevention worldwide. The specific objectives are to encourage the effective exchange of information and experiences between and among the members of WSO; collaborate with other international organizations in conducting activities of mutual concern; and promote the continuous upgrading of the safety and accident prevention technology.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

A WSO Annual Round Table Discussion is held annually, at the beginning of the WSO Professional Development Symposium programme. Discussions include topics ranging from the plight of the refugees to safety of the ageing population, as well as other health and workplace safety related issues. Information on the work of the United Nations is also discussed. Reports on these discussions are mailed to all of the United Nations Permanent Missions and United Nations agencies.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the 2014 WSO Symposium, it was decided to contact the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to invite them to participate in the 2015 Symposium.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WSO's National Chapter for Nigeria celebrated the World Day for Safety and Health at Work, following the United Nations and ILO programme in 2014.

7. World Society of Victimology

Special, 1987

Introduction

The World Society of Victimology (WSV) is a NGO that brings together a worldwide membership of victim assistance practitioners, social scientists, social workers, physicians, lawyers, civil servants, volunteers, university academics, and students — all concerned with the problems of victims.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WSV works to advance victimological research and practices around the world; encourage interdisciplinary and comparative work and research in this field; and advance cooperation between international, national, regional and local agencies and other groups who are concerned with the problems of victims.

Significant changes in the organization

A new Basic Statute of Incorporation was approved and lodged in accordance with German civil-administrative law.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The WSV has convened side-events at the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Vienna, Austria. The WSV participates as an observer and, as appropriate, contributor at each event of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and other United Nations entities. It cooperates with academic institutions and organizations to host courses on victimology that feature international law pertaining to victims' rights. It has also completed United Nations online questionnaires.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WSV attended the following meetings:

- Annual Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Vienna, 2011-2014;
- High-level Segment of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, New York, 2012 and 2014 and Geneva, Switzerland, 2013; WSV submitted written statements in 2013 and 2014;
- 56th and 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 2012 and 2013, and submitted written statements; and
- Regional Preparatory Meetings for the 2015 Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Doha, Qatar, 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The WSV has assisted UNODC in drafting a new Handbook on Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power. The WSV co-sponsored and co-organized a High-level event for the 2015 Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Doha, Qatar, to mark the 30th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of

Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power. The WSV is also an active member of the United Nations NGO Alliance on Crime and Criminal Justice.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

As appropriate, the WSV points to the MDGs in its activities and written statements.

8. World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations

Special, 1947

Introduction

The World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO) was founded in 1910 and represents 100 Catholic women's organizations worldwide. It is active in 66 countries worldwide, representing more than five million Catholic women.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WUCWO aims to promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and the Church, in order to enable them to fulfil their mission of evangelisation and to work toward human development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization conducted the following activities during the reporting period, among many others:

- Advocacy regarding dignity of persons and human rights;
- Encouraging the education of the girl child and adult literacy;
- Microenterprise development assistance for women;
- Support for hospitals, nursing homes, mental health, home care, and maternity;
- Combating HIV/AIDS and other major diseases through workshops, training sessions, housing and shelters;
- Assistance provided to victims of domestic abuse, and trafficking; and
- Training of women about climate change, to reconsider current economic models and utilisation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York. Representatives also attended the following meetings among others: Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland, during which it delivered oral and written statements; United Nations Educational, Scientific and

Cultural Organization (UNESCO) meetings and General Conferences, Paris, France; Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) meetings and General Conferences, Rome, Italy. WUCWO has also assisted in drafting preliminary statements in cooperation with other NGOs on trafficking, violence against women, children's rights, female foeticide and infanticide, mainstreaming women's rights, freedom of religion, and the support of the family, among others.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WUCWO sponsored and co-signed the Declaration of the Civil Society on the Occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014. It participated in the celebration of World Food Day with the FAO, 16 October 2012, and monthly in the Ad hoc group of NGOs.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WUCWO has contributed to the MDGs in all of the 66 countries where its members are present through education on the MDGs. It has worked to provide dignity and opportunities for the development and protection of women and the girl child through awareness and specific programmes that assist at the grass roots level.

9. World Wind Energy Association

Special, 2007

Introduction

The World Wind Energy Association (WWEA) is a non-profit organization that comprises 600 members representing the wind sector from more than 100 countries worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WWEA aims to increase the share of wind and other renewable energies in the global energy supply to eventually reach a 100% renewable energy supply worldwide. In order to achieve this goal, WWEA acts as a communication platform for all wind energy actors worldwide; advises national governments and international organizations on favourable policies for wind energy implementation; and enhances international technology transfer.

Significant changes in the organization

WWEA has established global NGO networks with other United Nations accredited NGOs, e.g. the International Renewable Energy Alliance and the Global 100% Renewable Energy campaign Go100RE.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WWEA's work is in line with the MDG to ensure access to sustainable energy for all and other objectives of the United Nations. Its work includes decreasing energy poverty and improving energy access, especially in the poorest countries, toward eventually an energy system completely based on renewable energy.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WWEA participated in all the Conference of Parties and meetings of the Parties (COPs/MOPs) and further meetings of the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) during the reporting period, including side events and exhibits. WWEA also participated in events hosted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), among others.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WWEA held side events at UNFCCC meetings and welcomed UNFCCC representatives at WWEA's conferences. UNESCO and UNDP supported and contributed actively to WWEA's World Wind Energy Conferences. WWEA contributes regularly to UNEP's work. WWEA also works with all United Nations bodies represented at REN21.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WWEA publishes information about wind energy regularly, through the annual World Wind Energy Report, the biannual yearbook Wind Energy International, as well as numerous special reports. WWEA advises national governments and international organizations on suitable policies for the fast deployment of wind energy. WWEA presented proposals during the UNFCCC process on how to support investment in renewable energy especially in developing countries, with special regard to the Green Climate Fund.

10. World Young Women's Christian Association

Special, 1947

Introduction

The World Young Women's Christian Association (World YWCA) is a global network of women leading social and economic change in 125 countries. It reaches 25 million women and girls through work in 22,000 communities. It is a volunteer membership movement inspired by Christian principles and a commitment to women's full and equal participation in society.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The World YWCA's purpose is to develop the leadership and collective power of women and girls around the world to achieve justice, peace, health, human dignity, freedom and a sustainable environment for all people.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization's constitution was amended in 2011.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The World YWCA contributes to the United Nations through its work on the following priorities: human rights of women and children, including ending child marriage and violence against women; sustainable development, including young women's economic empowerment and leadership; and women's health and sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the following meetings, among others:

- 55th, 56th, 57th and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 22 February-4 March 2011, 27 February-9 March 2012, 4-15 March 2013, 10-21 March 2014;
- United Nations General Assembly High-level Meeting on AIDS, New York, 8-10 June 2011;
- 48th-59th Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Geneva, Switzerland, 2011-2014;
- Human Rights Council, Geneva, 16th-27th Session, Geneva, 2011-2014;
- XIX International AIDS Conference of the World Health Organization (WHO), Washington, DC, United States of America, 18-27 July 2012; and
- General Assembly High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, New York 3-4 October 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The World YWCA strongly collaborates with United Nations Secretary-General's Strategy on Every Women and Every Child on Health. World YWCA is member of the United Nations Commission on Informational and Accountability on women and children's health. The World YWCA participated in the regional reviews of the United Nations Economic Commissions for the ICPD Beyond 2014 as well as the review for Beijing+20. It also collaborated with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's initiatives contributed to health outcomes in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights and HIV; economic empowerment; and leadership development for women.

11. Worldwide Organization for Women

Special, 1999

Introduction

Worldwide Organization for Women (WOW) is an international non-denominational, non-profit 501 (c)(3) non-governmental organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WOW promotes women's understanding of their inherent worth and crucial role in society. It supports and unites women of all faiths and nationalities in their efforts to create positive change and improve well-being through advocacy, education and humanitarian activities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WOW participates in the work of the United Nations by submitting written statements, attending meetings, and organizing events to further the advancement of women and the protection of the family. WOW is a member and participant of the Conference of NGOs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WOW sponsored two NGO-led side-events at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, during the 27th regular session of the Human Rights Council, 12 and 15 September 2014, in support of the adoption of a resolution protecting families. WOW attended the 56th, 57th, 58th, and 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, and organized many NGO parallel meetings at each of the sessions. Topics have ranged from Central American perspective on violence against women and inheritance rights for women in Nigeria, to strengthening and protecting families.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

WOW has contributed to MDGs 1, 2 and 3 by raising and donating funds to No Poor Among Us in cooperation with Weber State University for the building of the Boane Women's Center in Mozambique, a women and girl's educational centre that teaches skills designed to raise their standard of living. WOW has an ongoing presence in Nigeria, where MDGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are continually worked on through opportunities in micro-business, education, and humanitarian projects serving over 3,000 women. WOW has recently expanded its activities to Kenya and has helped organize a nationwide conference for women addressing various MDGs.

12. Yale International Relations Association

Special, 2011

Introduction

The Yale International Relations Association (YIRA) is a non-profit organization registered under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, with headquarters in New Haven, Connecticut, United States of America. It has regular operations in China, South Korea, Taiwan, Province of China, Hungary and the United States.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of YIRA is to build a community of students engaged in service to the Yale, New Haven, and international community, as part of an effort to promote education and debate about global affairs.

Significant changes in the organization

YIRA has known constitutional updates during the reporting period.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

YIRA's primary work is to raise awareness of the work of the United Nations through holding regular Model United Nations conferences in the United States and abroad. Currently it operates yearly conferences on Yale University's campus, United States, as well as in Beijing, China; Taipei, Taiwan, Province of China; Seoul, South Korea; and Budapest, Hungary.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In addition to the aforementioned Model United Nations conferences, YIRA operates a regular speaker series on Yale's campus, a community service teaching programme, and a journal that publishes academic content in the realm of international relations thrice every year. It also recognises some of its speakers who have played an exceptional role in world affairs with an honorary award of YIRA membership. In the recent years, it has given this award to Mrs. Hillary Clinton, Mr. James S. Baker and Mrs. Samantha Power.

13. Yayasan Cinta Anak Bangsa

Special, 2007

Introduction

Yayasan Cinta Anak Bangsa (YCAB) was established as a non-profit foundation in 1999 with a focus on youth development in the area of health, education, and economic empowerment.

Aims and purposes of the organization

YCAB aims to enable youth to achieve sustainable independence through holistic youth development programmes; implement an inclusive and innovative approach that brings clear results and measurable impact; and inspire and enable other like-minded organizations by fostering public-private partnerships.

Significant changes in the organization

Over the years, YCAB has evolved into an impact-first organization and is sprawling into a group of social enterprise; with three business units and the YCAB Co-operative.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

YCAB pioneered a socially responsible investment programme in Indonesia that allows social investors to invest with a risk adjusted near-market rate return and a five-year payback period. The investment is made through YCAB Co-operative that runs the conditional microfinance where education is made the precondition to the loan. YCAB seeded programmes in five countries, namely, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Mongolia, Pakistan and Uganda.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

YCAB has acted as an observer and participant in 12th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, May 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

YCAB has collaborated with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) for East Asia and the Pacific to jointly implement the "UNODC–YCAB Life Awards" in 2011. The Life Awards aimed at giving appreciation to the best published works by journalists that focus on the prevention of drugs abuse.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The following initiatives have contributed to the MDGs:

- Healthy Lifestyle Promotion (HeLP) programme that focuses on education and prevention of drug abuse and HIV/AIDS. Since 1999, the programme has touched two million of in-school youth and adults;

- House of Learning and Development (HoLD) programme comprises a package of Core Study, Junior and High School equivalent plus one vocational skill as the elective component of their choice; and
- The Hands on Operation for Entrepreneurship (HOpE) programmes: YCAB started a social investment programme through an education linked micro-loan to empower women to have access to funds for their business and enable them to send their children to school (their education is required).

14. Youth Bridge Foundation

Special, 2011

Introduction

Youth Bridge Foundation (YBF) is a youth development focused NGO which has operated in Ghana since 2005, with offices in Ghana, Zambia and a network in 40 countries across Africa, Europe and North America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

YBF seeks to equip the youth with appropriate information, platforms and resources that shall enhance their physical, mental and socioeconomic well-being, and help them become responsible adults. YBF achieves this through a two-pronged approach of policy advocacy and youth capacity development to engage governments and to achieve self-development.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization increased its network of youth organizations in Africa, Europe and North America.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

YBF has contributed to the work of the United Nations through the following activities:

- Youth Facing Election 2012 that established a policy dialogue between the youth and political parties and a peace campaign where the foundation championed a campaign for non-violent participation of youth in the election processes;
- A campaign to support the ratification of the African Youth Charter and National Youth Policies in Member States;
- Through the Youth and Budget Literacy Initiatives, YBF organized youth groups and built their capacity on national budget processes, 2011; and
- Youth participation and representation in local governance, 2012-2015: YBF mobilised and built the capacity of youth at the community/district levels to participate in district planning processes and leadership roles.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

YBF took part in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York. It also participated in Inter-Agency meetings with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); and various implementing partners meetings with UNDP, UNFPA, and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

YBF has cooperated with UNDP, UNFPA and UNESCO in Ghana and Africa.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization led a MDG Campaign with Young Beauty Pageants/ Queens from 2010 to 2014 with UNDP Ghana's support. Through this campaign, the organization made policy demands on the Government of Ghana; it was involved in primary data collection on the MDGs; it undertook public sensitisation/awareness campaigns on the radio and television; it mobilised in-school youth to join the campaign. Young Beauty Queens also set up NGOs to advance the MDGs in their native communities.

15. Youth Empowerment Synergy

Special, 2011

Introduction

Established in 2001, the Youth Empowerment Synergy (YES-Ghana) is at the forefront of youth development policy, practice and research in Ghana. YES-Ghana focuses on youth employment and entrepreneurial development; youth policy and governance; and youth participation and active citizenship.

Aims and purposes of the organization

YES-Ghana's vision is a world where every young person has a real chance to benefit from and participate in the development processes at the local, national and international levels. YES-Ghana aims to promote policies and develop initiatives that help youth succeed in becoming life-long learners, productive members of society, materially sufficient and self-respecting citizens.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed through the following activities:

- Youth for Good Oil Governance Project: an initiative empowering youth to participative actively in making Ghana's emerging oil economy a blessing rather than a source of conflict;

- Voices of Youth Project: a network of more than 450,000 youth from across the country was formed to develop the Ghana Youth Manifesto;
- Training for Action: more than 1,500 Ghanaian youth have been trained in several areas including peace building and conflict prevention, and stakeholder engagement, among many other topics; and
- Publications: YES-Ghana published toolkits and resources for youth on various aspects of youth development policy and practice in Ghana.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the following meetings:

- 57th and 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 4-15 March 2013, 10-21 March 2014;
- High-level event on the Millennium Development Goals and Post-2015 Development Agenda, 25 September 2013, New York;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012; and
- High-level Meeting on Youth, New York, 25-26 July 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization received financial and technical assistance from the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) to implement the Voices of Youth project to engender youth participation in Ghana's democratic development. It received financial assistance from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to carry out several projects including building a directory of youth development, and supporting the Voices of Youth Coalition and Youth Radio Programmes.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

YES-Ghana organized national youth consultations on the MDGs and post-2015 development framework to solicit youth positions on the MDGs. The report of these consultations was submitted to the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. The organization annually observed International Youth Day on 12 August with national youth gatherings.